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DATE: May 22, 2006

7 Sheets (including Cover Sheet)

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/444,488; Our Ref: 745442-20

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment based on the failure of undersigned counsel, attorney of record, to receive the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due.



Stuart J. Friedman
Reg. No. 24,312

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PATENT

Docket No. 745442-20

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)
Luc VANTALON et al) Group Art Unit: 2623
Serial No. 09/444,488) Examiner: Sheleheda, James R.
Filed: November 19, 1999)
For: DIGITAL TELEVISION)
CONDITIONAL ACCESS METHODS)
AND APPARATUS WITH MULTIPLE)
DATA TRANSPORT MECHANISM)

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Name: Stuart J. Friedman

**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON FAILURE
TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment based upon failure to timely pay the required issue and publications fees be withdrawn on the ground that the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was never received by undersigned counsel.

Undersigned counsel submitted a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address together with a Status Inquiry on January 5, 2005. Undersigned counsel was advised in a telephone conference with Supervisory Primary Examiner Kelley on May 22, 2006 that the Power of Attorney was not entered into the PTO records until May 17, 2005 and that the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability were mailed on January 27, 2005. No response was

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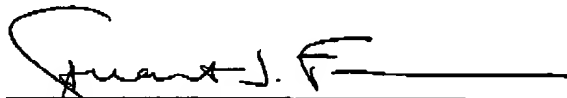
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ever received to the Status Inquiry. It is likely, based upon the foregoing, that the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was mailed by the PTO to the prior attorney of record.

The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due was not received by undersigned counsel. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Notice of Allowance was not received. Attached hereto are copies of the docket records of undersigned counsel for the weeks immediately preceding and following April 27, 2005, the date that the issue and publication fees would have been due if the Notice of Allowance in fact was dated January 27, 2005. Had the Notice of Allowance been received, payment of the fees would have been docketed as Docket No. 745442-20 for April 27, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the Notice of Allowance be remailed.

Respectfully submitted,



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24 Passover	25 <u>927721-4 Issue +</u> <u>information for One</u>	26 <u>740188-176 - Issue +</u> <u>public for sale</u>	27 <u>Administrative Professionals</u> <u>927721-289 (US) 6/17/06</u> <u>Appl. due</u>

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Battle of Puebla (M)	6 741493-25 LFOA rev'd?	7
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8 Mother's Day (C, US)	9	10 Mother's Day (M)	11
15	16 <u>003237-7 8/15 due 5/16/06</u>	17 <u>740612-182 Respon. due</u>	18 <u>740631-337 Respon. due</u>
22	23 Victoria Day (C) <u>740612-179 Issue Res due</u>	24 <u>740481-38 } 2694 -39 } Foreign -40 } Appeals due 9/24/05</u>	25
29	30 Memorial Day, Observed (US) Spring Bank Holiday (UK)	31 <u>740537-8 30. mo. Ref'l 5722g. Appeals due 7/31/05</u>	